

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Bachmann et al.	)	
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Serial No.: 10/591,869	)	
	)	Examiner: Phong Son H. Dang
Filed: June 27, 2007	)	Confirmation No.: 4530
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For: CLOSURE SYSTEM FOR	)	
TUBULAR ORGANS	)	

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner For Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant herewith submits form PTO SB/08 for consideration by the Examiner, consistent with the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicant makes no admission that any item listed thereupon is material to the patentability of the invention claimed in the above-entitled patent application. Further, Applicant makes no assertion hereby that a search was conducted, or if conducted, that any search was thorough. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner indicate consideration of the presently cited references by returning the enclosed Form SB/08 bearing the Examiner's initials and the date considered.

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